

1. (Amended) A nonwoven fabric which has at least three fiber bundle layers comprising:
unidirectional reinforcing fiber bundles, wherein the directions of the reinforcing fiber bundles in the respective fiber bundle layers differ between the adjacent layers;
and
a thermoplastic resin component that is randomly and partially adhered to the surface of the reinforcing fiber bundles in at least one fiber bundle layer, wherein the fiber bundle layers are bonded to each other with the thermoplastic resin component.

3. (Amended) The nonwoven fabric according to claim 1 which is a triaxial nonwoven fabric.

4. (Amended) The nonwoven fabric according to claim 1 which is a tetraxial nonwoven fabric.

5. (Amended) The nonwoven fabric according to claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic resin component is a thermoplastic resin fiber.

6. (Amended) The nonwoven fabric according to claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic resin component is a thermoplastic resin.

7. (Amended) A method for producing a nonwoven fabric which has at least three fiber bundle layers comprising unidirectional reinforcing fiber bundles, the method comprised of:
arranging reinforcing fiber bundles and thermoplastic resin fibers together in one direction;
placing the resulting bundles in parallel to form a fiber bundle layer of unidirectional reinforcing fiber bundles;
stacking the fiber bundle layer with a fiber bundle layer of reinforcing fiber bundles so that the layers are different in directions of the bundles from each other;
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heating and pressing the fiber bundle layers stacked in layers to bond the fiber bundle layers to each other.

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9. (New) A nonwoven fabric, comprising:
a first reinforcing fiber bundle layer having reinforcing fibers arranged in a substantially weft direction;
a second reinforcing fiber bundle layer having reinforcing fibers arranged in a first substantially oblique direction; and
a third reinforcing fiber bundle layer having reinforcing fibers arranged in a substantially warp direction.

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10. (New) The nonwoven fabric according to claim 9, further comprising:
a fourth reinforcing fiber bundle layer having reinforcing fibers arranged in a second substantially oblique direction; said second substantially oblique direction being different from said first substantially oblique direction.

11. (New) The nonwoven fabric according to claim 9, further comprising:
a thermoplastic resin component randomly and partially adhered to the surface of the reinforcing fibers in at least one of the first, second and third reinforcing fiber bundle layers.

12. (New) The nonwoven fabric according to claim 11, wherein the thermoplastic resin component comprises a thermoplastic resin fiber.

13. (New) The nonwoven fabric according to claim 11, wherein the thermoplastic resin component comprises a thermoplastic resin.

14. (New) The nonwoven fabric according to claim 9, wherein the first reinforcing fiber bundle layers is positioned adjacent to the second reinforcing fiber bundle layer.

15. (New) The nonwoven fabric according to claim 14, wherein the second reinforcing fiber bundle layer is positioned adjacent to the third reinforcing fiber bundle layer.

16. (New) The nonwoven fabric according to claim 9, wherein the second reinforcing fiber bundle layer is positioned adjacent to the third reinforcing fiber bundle layer.